

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

February 23, 2021 Meeting

- I. A virtual online meeting was held and called to order by Chair Mari Lee.
- II. The following members and others were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Francisco Alves, Roger Sobkowiak, Cindy Shubin, Greg Sember, Veronica Lowe, Paula Glasco, Irene Packer-Halsey, Chris Islieb and Desiree Tucker. Dana Falls, FCPS Liaison, Keith Merkey, Education and Outreach Associate with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, and Human Relations Department staff members Pat Fleet and Miles Ward.
- III. The minutes from the January 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote with a motion made by Veronica Lowe and a second from Lisa Clark.
- IV. Guest speaker Mrs. Diallo shared her view regarding racism and offered suggestions for Americans to end racism.
- V. Budget – A motion was made by Mari Lee and a second by Annette Breiling with a unanimous vote that \$1,200.00 be allowed to be used to purchase signage, postage and office supplies without bring those expenses before the HRC.
- VI. Officers' reports
On behalf of the Treasurer Pat Fleet reported that the current balance of HRC funds is \$4,150.00

Veronica Lowe reported that they are working on a follow-up to the previous forum. More information will be available soon.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. The Hate has no Business Campaign is going strong. More signs will be made to distribute.
 - b. Virtual Banquet – The date for the Virtual Banquet is May 10, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:30. A committee has been formed to plan the event.
 - c. A discussion was held regarding the scope of the HRC. The discussion will continue at the retreat on March 20.

VIII. New Business

- a. There have been weekly chalk drawings and writing on the sidewalks downtown. A member of the HRC spoke to the individuals doing the writing and asked them if they would like to come and talk with the HRC, they declined.
 - b. New member recruitment is underway.
 - c. The yearly retreat will be held virtually on Saturday March 20, from 9 – 12. Mari will send out the link.
- IX. Members that chose to do so gave brief comments.
- X. The meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were prepared by the Human Relations Department.